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On the issues







A break down of the candidates' views on specific policies this election

OBAMA

Has suggested using \$3,000 tax credit to businesses for each new job created during the next two years. Also suggests letting people withdraw up to 15 percent of their retirement savings without penalty and using a tax credit covering 10 percent of annual mortgage-interest payments.

Proposed an \$18 billion plan to encourage but not mandate universal pre-kindergarten. Suggests a large overhaul of No Child Left Behind for more opportunities in music and physical education.

Would consider temporary offshore drilling for more oil reserves, but focuses on a 10-year, \$150 billion plan to fund biofuels, wind, and plug-in hybrids, among others. Would require reductions of greenhouse gases by 80 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels, using a cap-and-trade system.

Said he would sit down with possibly hostile rulers like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran and Hugo Chavez of Venezuela without preconditions. Has also said he would support military action in Pakistan if it did not cooperate with catching suspected terrorists.

Would make it mandatory for children to have health coverage but not for adults. Would offer same coverage as members of Senate and cover that cost by raising taxes on wealthier

Has not supported the Iraq war and troop surge since troops entered Iraq. Supports a plan for complete withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq in 16 months after taking office.

Would raise income taxes on families making more than \$250,000 and individuals making more than \$200,000. Also would raise corporate taxes. Proposes multi-billion-dollar tax breaks to help poor and middle class.

Proposes penalizing employers who hire undocumented immigrants. Also supports a system that allows undocumented immigrants who are not criminals to make an effort to become a citizen and a chance to apply for citizenship. Voted for a U.S.-Mexican border fence.

Proposes a tax credit of up to \$4,000 for students who perform 100 hours of community service a year to help pay for college.

THE ISSUE

Both candidates lobbied for members of their party in Senate and the House to pass the \$700 billion bailout package but differ on what to do with that money.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

EDUCATION

Both say No Child Left Behind needs work but differ on how much work it needs.

ENERGY

Both do not support drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve and cutting emissions drastically. Other than that, they differ greatly on their policies.

FOREIGN POLICY

This might be the sharpest contrast between the two. Obama would focus on diplomacy, even with hostile leaders, while McCain would be more cautious with who he talks to.

HEALTH CARE

Both do not support universal health care and offer ways to make health care more affordable but Obama would mandate health coverage for children.

IRAQ

McCain said there is still work to do in Iraq, while Obama supports a troop withdrawal in Iraq and troop expansion in Afghanistan.

TAXES

McCain has said he would cut taxes for everybody, while Obama would cut them on 95 percent of the population and raise them for wealthier families and individuals.

IMMIGRATION

Both candidates' plan are similar in that they focus on border security and some leniency for illegal immigrants in good

COLLEGE PAYMENT

Obama supports giving students money for college in exchange for community service, while McCain has said little on the issue

MCCAIN

Said he would use \$300 billion - most from the \$700 billion buyout - to buy faulty mortgages so people can still live in houses until they earn more money. Also proposed allowing people who turn 70 1/2 during the next year to keep their retirement savings instead of cashing them in.

Supports parents choosing which school their child attends, but has not said he will introduce a national voucher program. Supported No Child Left Behind, but admits it needs improvement.

Has strongly favored offshore drilling to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and greatly expanding the number of nuclear plants. Would require reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 60 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels, using a cap-and-trade system.

Said he would sit down with any leader but would only do so with preconditions. During the first presidential debate, he said he would not threaten Iran like Obama.

Proposed a \$2,500 refundable tax credit for individuals and \$5,000 for families to help citizens afford health costs.

Opposes a scheduled troop withdrawal. After criticizing some aspects of the Bush Administration's handling of the Iraq war, he was an ardent supporter of the troop surge, which he said has suc-

Would extend all of President Bush's tax cuts, after opposing Bush's tax cuts twice. Has vowed not to raise any citizen's taxes several times.

Sponsored a bill in 2006 that would have allowed illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S., work and apply to become legal residents after learning English, paying fines and back taxes and clearing a background check. Now wants to secure the border and supports a U.S.-Mexican border fence.

Has said he would make getting loans and federal tax credits easier to understand but has not given specifics.

-Compiled by Scott Girard

Students able to vote in many ways, places

By Joel Aschbrenner KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After students decide which candidates they are voting for this election, they still have two important decisions to make: how and where to vote.

K-State students can choose to vote in advance, in person, via absentee ballot or with a mail-in ballot.

The last day to register to vote in November's election was Oct. 20. Students who had not registered before had to do so in Riley County or in their home county. Those who were already registered in other counties could choose to reregister in Riley County.

Riley County Clerk Rich Vargo said he does not know how many students chose to register in their hometowns, but he has seen a significant number of students register in Riley County.

"We do know that there have been a lot of voter registration drives up on campus, and we have received a lot of new registrations because of those," he said.

Those who registered to vote in Riley County should receive a postcard confirming their registration and detailing where they need to vote on Election Day. Anyone voting in Riley County for the first time has to bring some form of identification when they vote.

Many students still chose to receive an absentee ballot from their hometown. Students have to send an application to their home county to receive an absentee ballot to vote in their hometown elections.

Anyone can apply online or over the phone with the county election offices to receive a ballot in the mail. Voters can mail that ballot back to the election office or bring it to the office in person.

Those who are registered in Riley County can apply for an absentee ballot if they are going to be gone on Election Day. Absentee ballots, however, have been almost

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VOTING IN RILEY, OTHER COUNTIES

Voters can find where they need to vote on a map of the voting precincts on Riley County's Web site at http://gis.rileycountyks. gov/publicimages/votecitynew.

To obtain an absentee ballot, visit the Secretary of State's Web site at http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections_registration_voting.html.

Woman, 40, reports rape Wednesday

By Salena Strate KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A woman reported a rape to the Riley County Police Department on Wednesday, according to an RCPD re-

A 40-year-old woman reported the rape. which allegedly occurred in southeast Manhattan at midnight Wednesday, according to the report.

RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup said the suspect was known to the victim.

ALLEGED IDENTITY THEFT

In another RCPD report, Dennis Barry, Manhattan resident, reported to the RCPD that a box of personal checks had been stolen.

The checks were written for miscellaneous goods and services in the Topeka area. The fraud occurred between Sept. 1 through Oct. 12.

Barry, 58, reported a loss of \$2,894, Moldrup said.

Carnival creates an alternative for Manhattan families

By Amelia Wiederaenders KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Amongst little angels, devils and green dragons playing drumstick ring toss, there was much to do at the Children's Carnival Thursday, Oct. 23 at the K-State Student Union.

Children from all over the Manhattan area were invited to come in either their Halloween, K-State oriented, or hard rock costume. Some of the activities at the carnival included a record walk (the replacement for the cake walk), bowling and many other games. Each booth was set up by different campus organizations who were participating in the homecoming week

"Each different pairing or organization have set up a booth either with a hard rock theme or K-State," said Becky Thiessen, senior in secondary education mathematics and member of the K-State homecoming commit-

The Union was packed with

families who brought out their children to participate in the festivities. Some of the different organizations included Jardine, the Black Student Union, Greeks and many other campus organizations

"Its one of the ways we can involve the community into our homecoming week," Thiessen

The Children's Carnival was designed to provide a safe environment for children to come and celebrate Halloween and provide local kids an alternative place to go, said Sam Holden, senior in secondary education. The carnival was also an opportunity for different organizations to give back to the community.

This year, instead of the theme being solely Halloween, the Union Program Council made the decision to include the homecoming theme as well.

"We chose to go with the homecoming theme since its during homecoming week," said Julianne Jensby, sophomore in



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Jorel Jones gets a Wildcat paw print painted on his face at the Children's Carnival Thursday night. The Children's Carnival is an annual event of homecoming week where students from K-State can interact with children from the community.

food science and pre-med and chair member for UPC.

The carnival was one of the many events that occurred this week for homecoming. The festivities are set to continue this weekend with the homecoming parade and football game.

Puzzles | Eugene Sheffer



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The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times and info.

For a list of homecoming activities this week, go to www.k-state.com/homecoming. These activities include K-State Ambassador Elections, Yard Art displays, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Pep Rally and Homecoming Tailgate Competition.

Ask questions, get advice. K-State Healthy Decisions will sponsor its second Student Speaker Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Listen to K-State students discuss their academic challenges and how they overcame them. Visit different resource tables for information and free items. For more information, e-mail kstatehd@ksu.edu.

Rec Services is accepting registrations until Tuesday for Hungry for Healthy Lifestyles, a three-week general nutrition program focusing on topics like making healthy food choices, emotional eating, maintaining healthy habits, healthy cooking and more. Classes begin Nov. 4, meeting from 5:15 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Nov. 25. Participation is limited to 35 people. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. All current students and Rec members are eligible to participate. A registration fee of \$40 will be paid during sign up. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Valeriy Kolesnikov at 3 p.m. Nov. 3 in Nichols 236.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yuwen Zhang at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Practice Management Center in Trotter Hall.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor a Dining Etiquette Workshop at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Derby Dining Center Gold Room. The workshop is designed to prepare students for interviews and business meetings conducted over meals. Reservations and advance payment must be made by Oct. 31 by calling 785-532-6506 or by going to Holtz 100. The cost is \$7.50 per person or one meal exchange with a K-State student meal plan. Professional business attire is required at the event.

Rec Services presents Healthy Women Workshop from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 8. This is a free workshop to learn tips about introductory lifting techniques and health benefits of adding weight lifting to your workout routine. It's free for K-State students and Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office by Nov. 7. For more info, call 785-532-6980.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale after Oct. 29. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

The Student Organization for Cultural Studies Student Film Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in K-State Student Union 212. Admission is free. The deadline to submit films in either the "polished film" or "24-hour film challenge" category is Nov. 3. Film submission forms are available at www.k-state.edu/socs or contact Ashley Ortiz at aeortiz@ksu.edu.

THE BLOTTER ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

WEDNESDAY

Megan Jean Harlow, 1728 Laramie St., No. 2, was arrested at 3:50 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750

Shane Wyatt Helm, 2029 Shirley Lane, was arrested at 8:48 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at

Thomas Gerard Burdick, 5665 Tuttle Creek Blvd., was arrested at 11:34 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was

set at \$1,158 Jayson Bruce Hayes, 315 Kearney St., Apt. 2, was

arrested at 2:25 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,500. Lynn Earl King Jr., 2421 Buttonwood Dr., was ar-

rested at 4:20 p.m. for failure to appear. No bond was

Mohammad Samir Almutawa, 2130 Westchester Drive, Apt. 10, was arrested at 4:25 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Marion Patricia Robinson, Junction City, was arrested at 10:40 p.m. for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,279.

THURSDAY

Jason Roy Thatcher, Clay Center, Kan., was arrested at 3:35 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at

Nicholas Setriman Burrowes, 2215 College Ave., Apt. P163, was arrested at 5:10 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There were errors in Tuesday and Wednesday's Collegian. Donors can call Commerce Bank at 785-537-1234 to make donations to the Alheli Alcantara Memorial Fund. Also, the Aggieville cleanup is scheduled for Sunday. The Collegian rearets the errors.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail collegian@spub.ksu.edu.



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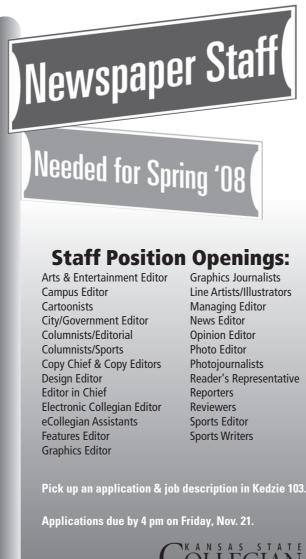




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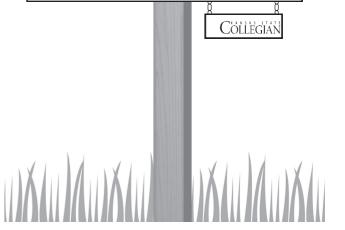




Spring 2009

Applications due 4 p.m., Nov. 14 Interviews will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19

Pick up an application and job description in Kedzie 103.



Students volunteer for Community Service Week, Bring in the Greeks

By Natalie Crane KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Week at K-State will start this Sat-

urday and end Nov. 2. The week's events are organized by the K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan and offer K-State students opportunities to volunteer at many community organizations, said Katie Whitney, student coordinator and senior in anthropology. The deadline for signing up for volunteer slots already has passed.

Whitney said K-State students, community members and Manhattan High students have filled about 350 slots for community service week. Though K-State has had a service week for years, this is the second time the Volunteer Center has organized the event. The Volunteer Center evolved from the Civic Leadership Community Service Program, which was under the Civic Leadership within the School of Leadership Studies. Whitney said the Volunteer Center has retained its ties to the school.

"We've changed it into a hub for lots of organizations, making K-State and Manhattan as one, being able to serve both of them," Whitney said.

This week, volunteers will work for organizations like the Manhattan Daycare and Learning Center, where they will play with kids and plan a healthy snack for them; at the Sunset Zoo, volunteers help with Spooktacular, an educational Halloween open house for kids. One of biggest projects is projectPlants, which recently built greenhouses for area elementary schools. Volunteers will work with the kids in this after-school gardening program.

BRING IN THE GREEKS

Bring in the Greeks, a community service event, was on Saturday and involved more than 90 fraternity and sorority member volunteers.

According to a recent press release, the volunteers traveled to several local communities to serve. In Chapman, they helped the school district clean up after the tornado, and in Wamego, the volunteers assisted with lawn work with the Valley Vista Good Samaritan. In Fort Riley, volunteers assembled beds for returning soldiers, and the members also prepared the Manhattan Community Gar-

dens for winter. Kellen Begnoche, the event planner and member of the Interfraternity Council Board of Directors, said

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he felt the event went really well. He said the volunteers worked more than 190 hours of community service.

[We] hope to continue and build on the success [of the event]," Begnoche, junior in marketing, said. In the spring, B.I.G. will sponsor the event "Let's Just Play," where area kids will be invited to the park to play games and other

FRATERNITY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The K-State chapter of Delta Lambda Phi was honored with the Outstanding Community Service Award from the fraternity's national organization this year.

According to the press release the award was given for last year's "Rock the Holiday Table" food drive the fraternity hosted. Two hams, four turkeys, 1000 cans of food, and \$500 were given to local food banks such as the Flint Hills Breadbasket and the Ryan White Food Pantry for HIV Patients.

Dusty Garner, chapter president and junior in political science, said he thought it was a great award and was proud his fraternity received it. He said the fraternity thinks community service is very important and works to instill this belief in members.

Student Senate approves children's literature allocation

Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Student Governing Association Senators amended one bill before passing and marveled over the number of registered voters in Manhattan.

Sen. Amy Schultz requested an amendment to Bill 08/09/21 FY 2009 Allocation to Children's and Adolescent Literature Community. The original bill offered \$4,500 to the Children's and Adolescent Literature Community committee to host "Fake St. Patty's Day."

The funding for this event does not come out of the allocations committee, but out of the fine arts budget.

Schultz's amendment changed the value from \$4,500 to \$2,500.

"As student government, we must demonstrate fiscal responsibility," Schultz said. "I don't think giving 25 percent of the year's budget to one group is being fiscally responsible."

Schultz said last year, the SGA allocated less than \$2,000 to the same group for the same event. She said that this amendment was still higher than last year's allocation and therefore reasonable.

The amendment passed by majority vote. The legislation passed by a vote of

Allocations to Percussive Arts Society, also from the fine arts fund, passed. The senate's fine arts budget for the entire year is down to \$8,600, following the two pieces of legislation passed Thursday, due to the large amounts usually requested, said chair, Piper Hoskins.

On a positive note during the first open period Sen. Katie Beye spoke about the senate's work in helping students and community members register to vote.

"I think we did a great job overall," Beye said. "The next big thing we need to focus on is getting people to vote."

Beye said the great thing about voting in Riley county was students could vote on campus in the K-State Student Union.

"Please take advantage of it," Beye said, pleading with senate members. "This is the first year we've had it here and I'm really, really excited about that."

Sen. Mark Andre announced that students have broke registration records set in years past. He also said early voting records were being broke as well.

Faculty Rep. Bill Muir chimed in agreement, "The advanced voting that is happening in the Student Union is unprecedented. I ran into the superintendent of the schools here [in the union] because he didn't want to drive all the way to the courthouse. So, a lot more people other than students are utilizing this voting facil-

Muir suggested the student senate send an accommodation to the city for having the foresight to set up the voting in the union for students and other members of the community to utilize the facility for voting purposes.

Finally, commendations were given to K-State Robotics Team for their first place finish at the student Robotics Competition at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers National Convention this summer. Commendations were also given to the Big 23 student Government Affairs committee on the success of the SGA Big 12 Student Leadership Conference held last week. Two new senators were sworn in from the college of arts and sciences to fill recent vacancies.













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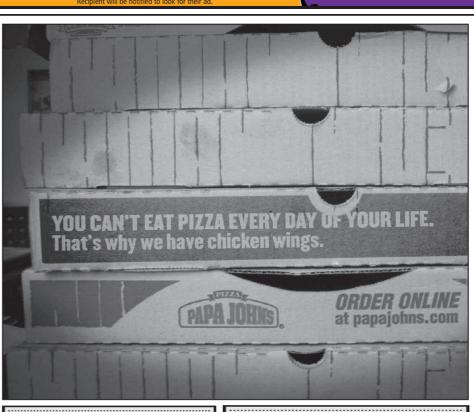
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Will SafeRide take you from one party to another?

dorsed by the editorial staff.

Would you like to fork my cone?

I was in the quad today. What is it — too cold for slack-liners?

To the guy with the Slipknot and Yellowcard stickers: You must be a confused little boy.

Oh, my Mary Ann, don't you walk away.

To whoever left the bag of oregano on the second floor of Moore Hall: Thank you. That was the easiest \$15 I've ever made.

Why is there an orange on top of the Ackert Hall sign?

"**Dora** the Explorer" gets me

To the really attractive guy that works at the Derb bakery: If I gain the freshman 15, it's your

I just had my first eskiho sighting of the season.

I just saw a girl that chews. Isn't that weird?

Dear Fourum, my name is Hannah and I'm really excited, because I just filled up my car for under \$40. That is all.

Doug doesn't know. Doug doesn't know. Surprise.

Student radio, thank you so much for playing Ben Folds all

I am not going to say the F word because the F word is bad.

To the girl in Marketing 400 that I said looks like Tara Reid: Again, we probably should date.

Dude, why does the quad smell like waffles?

To the guy with the ear-flap hat: You are cool. I don't care if you are my roommate.

I just took a 77-question test and stopped reading at 12.

The side of Hale library just looks like it exploded, and it was the scariest thing I've ever seen.

I just had the first eskiho sighting of the year in Van Zile at

To the loud sorority girls in the Derb: We get it, you're classless, and you use the word "damn" like it's never been heard before.

Hey, women, vote McCain and give away your rights.

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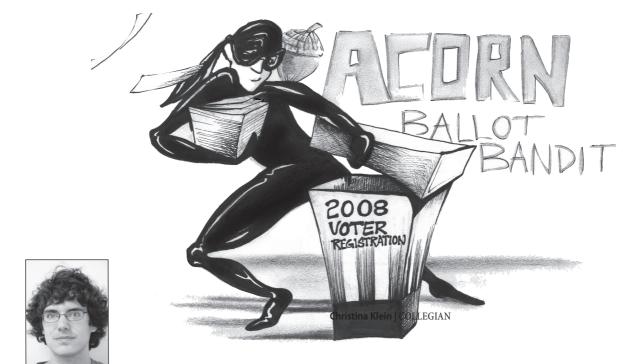
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FRANK MALE

Of all the nonpartisan organizations bringing themselves into this election, one has stood above the rest in terms of zealousness. The Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now has registered more than 1.3 million voters in the 2008 election cycle, according to its Web site.

A million is a big number and sounds too good to be true. That might be part of the reason behind ongoing investigations in 13 states this year targeting ACORN. Since 2004, at least 21 ACORN employees have been charged with voter registration fraud, or more. These allegations are especially alarming when one considers that many of the states hosting ACORN voting drives are swing states.

Looking at the founding of ACORN, it becomes difficult to argue that it is truly nonpartisan. It can trace its roots to the National Welfare Rights Organization, a self-described activist organization, and Wade Rathke, who was in turn men-

ACORN's fraudulent history leads to suspicions

tored by George Wiley.

Wiley came from Columbia University and had a pair of professors named Richard W. Cloward and Frances F. Piven. These two professors developed the "Cloward-Piven Strategy."

The premise of this strategy is quite simple: overloading governmental programs with impossible demands will lead to a crisis and massive protests. Enough crises will cause capitalism's collapse. The Cloward-Piven Strategy was tested with the National Welfare Rights Organization in New York City. more than doubling the welfare rolls in that city between 1964 and 1975, when the economy had remained stable.

At one point, there was one welfare recipient for every two private workers in New York City. The city was very close to bankruptcy before, ironically, the NWRO ran out of money and fell apart.

Out of the ashes of the NWRO came ACORN, with a similar mentality and much wider goals. Many of the actions are legitimate, with no purpose other than to help the poor located in inner-city areas. However, the voter registration wing of ACORN, in particular, appears to have taken the Cloward-Piven Strategy to heart and applied it in the political arena.

It is difficult to argue that the main objective of ACORN is influencing the election results, however. Imagine trying to go to your polling place and voting under the name "Mickey Mouse." The flood of voter registration cards storming into election offices will cause trouble, though.

Most election offices are understaffed and will make mistakes, failing to catch some of the invalid applications and not having time to process some of the legitimate applications. Consider also that the efforts are focused in heavily urban, Democratic-leaning areas.

If a few well-publicized cases come out after the election of voters being disenfranchised in these areas, it will scream voter suppression. It could become positively dangerous if a swing state goes narrowly to McCain and gives him an electoral win.

Claims of disenfranchise-

ment easily could lead to riots in such a situation. Even if it doesn't, the public would lose even more confidence in the electoral system thanks to the 2000 Florida fiasco and claims of Diebold machines having errors in counting votes.

Last, we have the Obama connection. He directed ACORN's "get out the vote" drive in Illinois in 1992 and represented them in a lawsuit in 1995. His campaign gave one of their offshoots over 800,000 dollars in the primary for "get out the vote" efforts, and was endorsed by them for the 2008 presidential election.

It is easy to be skeptical of the idea that ACORN is trying to wreck the election system. I find it surprising that there exists such a strategy as Cloward-Piven. Overloading election offices to undermine poll results is what we are seeing.

Democracy is constantly under attack, but now, even from within.

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Religion should be separate from the workplace



CAMPBELL

Elementary school children sometimes play the game of "What doesn't belong?" Here's one: race, color, national origin, gender and reli-

Give up? Well, if you are not adept at those types of games, it's reli-

Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no employee shall discriminated against because of their race, color, national origin, gender or religion.

It is correct that the first four should be covered, as one cannot change their race, color, national origin or gender.

People can receive some interesting surgery for that last one, however transvestites are not covered under Title VII.

If we're going to be fair about protecting employees from those nasty, money-hungry employers, then we have to be consistent.

Religion is not something someone is necessarily stuck with for life if they chose it, opposed to the color of our skin -Michael Jackson exclud-

That is one of the great things about this little piece of rock we live on called the United States, we have the right to choose things, like re-

ligion. However, it is clear that it should not be acceptable to fire or refuse to hire someone because they're a Methodist or a Catholic.

However, it's the practices of some of these religions that can get in

the way at the workplace. The biggest problem is some of the policies in the workplace that employers have implemented to keep some of their more religious employees

Some employers get sued because they won't comply with their employees' religious beliefs.

In 2004, a Florida woman was fired because she ate a BLT sandwich. According to *local6.com*, Lina Morale's company, Rising Star, had a ban on eating pork products at

The company had

strong Muslim ties, and they saw pork as unclean meat. Morale was not Muslim.

This type of policy should not be enforced in the workplace.

Just because you have some people of a certain faith, or even an obvious majority, doesn't mean you should be able to enforce those type of

religious policies. Another case involved a Muslim truck driver refusing to pick up a load of beer because it was against his religion.

Ibrahim Barzinji was dismissed after his refusal for the Arkansas trucking company, then turned around and sued the company because he said it was against his religion to transport beer.

Similar cases involved Muslim cab drivers refusing to pick up passengers who carried duty-free alcohol.

Of course, it is not just issues with the Muslim faith, but many different faiths.

It is wrong to use the excuse "it's against my religion" to get out of doing something at a workplace, knowing the courts will back you up because religion is protect-

Since all religion is protected, what if some of my buddies and I started a religion that didn't allow us to work Friday through Sunday?

Wouldn't employers have to follow that, for fear of being sued by the people who follow Campbellism?

This is not for religion-bashing purposes -I am a man of faith. I believe in God and belong to a church.

I just believe religion shouldn't be expressed to everyone you meet on the streets

It should not crawl

its way into the workplace, and furthermore, be protected. Employers should

establish a "don't ask, don"t tell" policy for religion though this will most likely never happen. All we can hope

for is that we can walk into work any day of the week, proudly hold our BLT high and take a huge bite – without worry of punishment.

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BEST OF THE FOURUM

It's been a dreary, rainy week. All this gloom makes it easy to get a little down in the dumps, but have no fear, the Best of the Fourum is here to brighten your day. Here are our favorite picks for the week.

"The best new drinking game ever is messaging people on Craig's List who are looking for women and telling them to meet you places that you're not at and then watching them secretly while drinking beer."

Karma has a long memory, dear

friend. That is the epitome of "going to bite you hard" later on. We hope.

"To the girl in Marketing 400 class that looks like Tara Reid: we should probably date," "To the girl in my Marketing 400 class: Please don't pick your nose," and "I think my Marketing 400 class should have a mixer."

This sounds like the most interesting class in existence. Or one boring enough that everyone feels the need to call the Fourum to spice it up.

"If I ever do anything crazy on this campus, it will be for the sole purpose of getting into the Fourum."

We know, we're just that cool. However, please refrain from bodily harm. We don't want that on our conscience.

"Dude, why does the quad smell like waffles?"

Because there was an all-campus waffle feed this morning that everyone but you was invited to. Sorry to be the bearer of bad news.

K-State strives to make college more affordable for students despite economic problems

Amanda Moerlien KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Despite the current financial uncertainty and credit downturn many Americans are facing, K-State students shouldn't be worried when it comes to obtaining funds for school, said director of student financial assistance and admissions, Larry Moeder, in a recent press release.

We have been getting more questions from concerned students and families because of the current economic conditions," Moeder said in the release. "The calls have been mostly from prospective students and parents who are new to the student aid process and are just now starting to face how they will pay for college."

Although tuition increases in price every year, cost of tuition at K-State, plus room and board and even books, cost less than just tuition and room and board at many other U.S. universities.

"It is critical at this school that we do everything we can to keep our costs competitive and our assistance programs accessible to students and their families," said Pat Bosco, vice president of student

Bosco explained that K-State students qualify for student financial assistance and have demonstrated that they need that assistance, more than other students in the

K-State distributes about \$175 million in federal, state, university and private aid each year, reaching seven-tenths of the student body, according to K-State's financial aid Web site. This amount is significantly higher than other Kansas universities, who distribute around \$100 million to their students each year.

"At K-State, we're paying attention to the current financial situation and preparing to help students as much as possible," Moeder said in the release. "Families have some real concerns about their finances. Some may have been relying on savings that may be diminishing because of the economic instability, while others have concerns about their job."

Bosco agrees that students are in great hands when it comes to the resources available to them at K-State.

"The K-State financial aid staff is simply the best at being responsive to our students and families," he said. "We are asking our current students to give us a chance to help during this very difficult time?

About \$10 million in scholarships were distributed to students last year, 90 percent being merit based. Although this doesn't help those in need, most students feel that scholarships should be based on

'Financial Aid is given out based on need and, because of the way financial aid is determined, many students are left out," said Chelsea L'Ecuyer, senior in accounting. "If scholarships were also based on need, the same students would be getting both kinds of funding."

Last spring, K-State took the first step toward ensuring financial stability for students when it quit relying on private sectors as the funding source for its federal student loans. Instead, loans came straight from the federal government.

This was done in perfect timing, Moeder said in the release, as many private lenders withdrew from their participation in federal student loan programs this summer.

At K-State, students are assigned their own financial aid adviser who can make adjustments to their financial aid eligibility based on their current financial situa-

The best thing for students and their families to do is to contact their school's student financial assistance office, Moeder explained in the release.

Annual campus security report helps raise campus safety efforts

By Amanda Keim KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The 2007 Annual Security Report for K-State was released Oct. 17. It included the crime statistics from incidents reported in 2007 and can be used to help K-State increase campus safe-

"The safety and security of our students, faculty and staff is a consistently top priority at Kansas State University," President Jon Wefald said in the report.

Because of this dedication to security, the annual report includes all the security assistance available at K-State and the crime statistics from the last three years.

The statistics come from incidents reported to the K-State Police Department and from arrests and disciplinary referrals made throughout the year.

Heather Reed, director of student life, said the university always considers the numbers very seriously to identify any areas of concern on campus.

This year, results indicated slight changes in several evaluated categories. The greatest difference occurred in the burglary count.

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In 2006, 62 burglaries were reported, compared to 34 burglaries reported in 2007.

"That's a credit to the crime prevention of our K-State community – people locking their doors," said Capt. Don Stubbings, campus police certified crime prevention specialist. "It's credited to the people on campus being more secure."

While the number of reported burglaries took a significant decrease, the numbers related to drinking violations still remained high. In 2006, 42 liquor law violations were reported, and in 2007, 49 violations were reported.

"In the past few years, many of those [violations] are at the football stadium, and we've had an increase of enforcement at football games," Stubbings said. "It's not a dramatic increase: it's maintained its consistency."

Stubbings said the best way to decrease these numbers is to increase education efforts on the effects and consequences of drinking.

A recent development in sexual offenses can be seen in the number of reports made in the past two years. The number of reported forcible sex offenses on campus rose from three to seven between 2006 and

Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center, said while the number is a small increase, it indicates women are becoming more aware of the difference between being a crime victim and being "to blame."

'Many women come to me and say, 'I don't want to report to the police because I don't want to ruin his life.' But here's the truth: We cannot see the future. For all one knows, reporting someone will save their life," Todd said. "We cannot predict the effects on others. It is important to live as one feels one should."

Todd said law enforcement agencies suggest that between 5 and 30 percent of rapes are reported. That means if a center receives 100 reports, the true number might be as high as 3,000.

The report is meant to provide analysis that can be used to make K-State's campus safer. This can be best done, as Wefald said, by reading and utilizing the report because "a truly safe campus requires the cooperation of all students, faculty and staff."



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KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

From QB to DB

Redshirt freshman shares experiences

By Steve Berklund KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Tysyn Hartman is a redshirt freshman from Wichita. Hartman recently answered some questions about being from Kansas, what he likes to do in his free time and changing positions from backup quarterback to starting free safety.

Q: How does it feel to be playing as a freshman in the Big 12?

A: It's definitely a great experience. I didn't expect to be putting in this much time, in the offseason. It's just a great experience to come out and compete in a prestigious conference.

Q: You changed from playing quarterback to free safety. How has that position change been for you? Do you like it?

A: I'm loving every minute of it. At first it was a lot of work, putting extra time off the field. But now everything is coming to me, and it's slowing down a bit.

Q: If K-State recruited you as a safety rather than a quarterback, would that have been a factor in you choosing K-State?

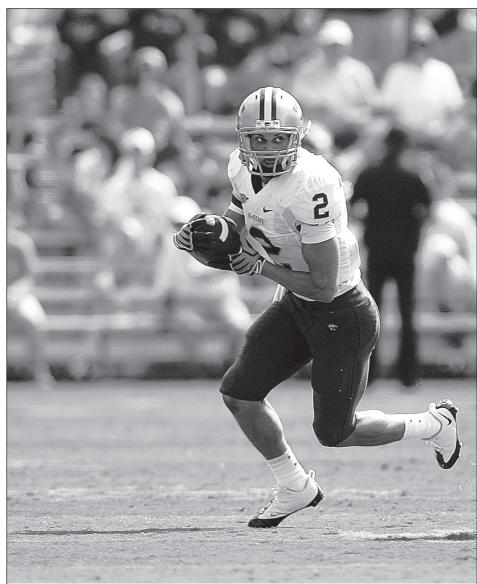
A: I don't know. I haven't really thought about it. There were some schools that recruited me as a safety and quarterback. It just happened that K-State offered me the chance to play quarterback.

Q: You have a veteran safety in Chris Carney who also plays free safety. Has he been showing you the ropes?

A: Oh, yeah, definitely. He continues to help me, giving me tips on film study, on the field and during practice and everything. He's been a great mentor to

Q: You play a lot of special teams, being the holder on the field goal unit, and the personal protector on the punt team. Is playing special teams something you take pride in?

A: I like being able to contribute on special teams. I take a lot of pride in that. I figured it would be the best way to help the team out and contribute. Now that



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Free safety Tysyn Hartman moved from quarterback to free safety earlier in the season and has seen lots of playing time behind veteran Chris Carney.

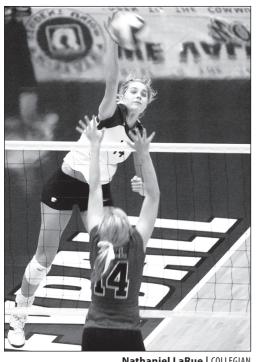
I've changed positions it's changed a little

Q: How have your expectations changed from the beginning of the season and

A: Well, I was basically buried down on the depth chart at quarterback, just competing for the backup job at that point. I switched over to safety, and they gave me a chance to compete and to see a lot of time on the field.

Q: Growing up in Kansas, were you a K-State fan? Is it a dream to play for K-State?

A: I wasn't really a K-State fan, KU fan, Nebraska or OU fan. I just started to get recruited, and I just loved what I saw at K-State with the college atmosphere. Every time I came up for a visit to Manhattan, I just loved the feeling I got, and when I got home from other visits I just didn't have the same feeling.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

After Wednesday night's match at Iowa State, the No. 13 Wildcats are in sole possession of third place in the Big 12

Volleyball coach discusses team status during Wildcats' mid-season

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It's been a series of ups and downs for the K-State volleyball team this season.

As the Wildcats enter the second half of conference head coach Suzie Fritz believes the team has improved, but there is still room to get better.

"I'd give us probably a B-minus," said Fritz. "I think that we're better. I think that we haven't met our potential as a team, but I think we've found a way to win. You know, maybe we're slightly

above average right now. After Wednesday night's match at Iowa State, the No.

13 Wildcats (17-4, 7-3 Big 12 Conference) are in sole possession of third place in the conference standings the same position in which they were picked in the preseason coaches poll.

Fritz, whose 164 career wins are just four shy of the school's all-time record, said the team has responded well after being upset in Ames,

"[Today was] outstanding," said after Thursday's "I think we, practice. collectively as a group, haven't felt like we've been meeting our potential for weeks. We've been playing well at times, but I don't think we've put together a collective effort for

some time." Wednesday night's loss was the third five-game match for K-State this season. The Wildcats were also pushed to the limit in road matches against Kansas and Oklahoma. but both times the Wildcats were able to escape with a win. Fritz said the team's luck was going to eventually run

"You hate that you have to take a loss to learn that lesson, but I thought we were more focused today," she said. "I thought we had more energy. We had more enthusiasm for getting better. We had a sense of urgency to try to make

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Looking back



Snyder, concerned as always, doesn't overlook ISU in 1998 Homecoming game

This is the third story in a sixpart series of archived Collegian articles about the 1998 Wildcat football team, arguably one of the best teams in K-State history. This story was written before the Cats' Homecoming game against Iowa State. The team was ranked fourth in the nation after starting 3-0 in conference play, including a 16-9 win at

then-No. 14 Colorado.

It might not appear like much on paper, but the K-State football team (6-0, 3-0 Big 12 Conference) might learn its most important lesson to date when the Cats look to build on their school record 14-game winning streak against Iowa State (2-4, 0-3) at 1 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Field.

With the Cyclones bringing a less-than-impressive record to Manhattan and two road games awaiting the Cats after this weekend, a letdown is always a concern.

Just ask Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer, who witnessed his previously unbeaten Hokies fall to perennial doormat Temple last

weekend due to a lack of focus. Dubbing the Cyclones as a doormat would be a mistake. Though they have yet to earn a Big 12 victory, Iowa State possesses a very efficient offense. In 21 attempts inside the red zone, the opponents' 20yard line, the Cyclones have posted

When analyzing their offense. K-State head coach Bill Snyder said he

20 touchdowns.

was impressed with ISU's blend of rushing and passing.

"Number one, they're a very balanced offensive football team," Snyder said. "They run the ball and pass the ball equally well.'

One of the main weapons in the Cyclone offense is senior quarterback Todd Bandhauer, ISU's record holder with 38 touchdown passes. Possessing one of the quickest releases in the Big 12, Bandauer has not been sacked this season -- a stat that amazed Snyder.

Bandhauer was a very fine player last year and has been a very fine player this year," he said. "I think he's made improvements and throws

very accurately. "He gets the ball off very quickly and attempts to negate your pass rush and he consequently has not been sacked this year. That's pretty astounding," Snyder said.

Complementing the Cyclone attack is junior running back Darren Davis. The younger brother of former Cyclone star Troy Davis, Darren has continued the family legacy by rushing for 759 yards this season, ranking 10th nationally.

"He's a guy who's not going to lose yards very often," linebacker Mark Simoneau said. "He's strong. He spins off tackles and he does all the things a good running back should do. He's tough to bring

—Compiled by Brad Dornes

K-State 'Madness' lacks buzz



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Now is the time for the basketball fanatics. Fans are hoping to catch the first glimpse of what they hope will be a promising season.

It's "midnight madness," when everyone thinks their team has a chance to make it to the NCAA tournament and beyond.

It's a celebration – a tipoff to the upcoming season. At K-State, it is referred to as "Madness in Manhattan."

Not every school has one. In fact, less than 10 percent of the Division I schools do this.

But it is done at K-State, and it needs some work.

There was a buzz surrounding the first event. Coach Bob Huggins was making his first appearance as the coach at K-State. ESPN and other media outlets flooded Bramlage Coliseum, where nearly 10,000 fans gathered with excitement.

The following year, the number dwindled down to approximately 8,000, but there was the highlight of seeing Bill Walker and Michael Beasley in K-State uniforms.

This year, less than 3,500 fans showed up to take in the events. It is hard to blame them. The event lacks buzz and publicity.

Many forgot it was going on and were headed out of town. Granted, no one can help that the football team was on the road, and yes the Wildcat fans traveled well to Boulder, Colo.

But there was a lack of enthusiasm in the gym, despite the men's team having one of its most decorated recruiting classes in its history in attendance for the 2009 season.

The No. 23 player in the country, Wally Judge, was there. The No. 91 player in the country, Rodney McGruder, was there as well. Both have been loyal and committed to the Wildcat coaching staff for more than a year now.

Also in attendance was the No. 114 player in the nation, Nick Russell, who has yet to make a verbal pledge.

Jordan Henriquez was there, who has graded out on many scouting services as a top 100 player as well for the class of 2009. Henriquez signed with the Wildcats for the 2008 season but is attending prep school because of academic reasons.

Were these recruits to be impressed by the night's events? Well, yes, they were supposed to be.

But by what, the twinkieeating contest at mid-court between sororities and fraternities?

Or by staring into empty seat after empty seat and the occasional purple glow-stick being waved around?

Something needs to be done. It's one of the biggest recruiting nights of the year for most of the top programs in the nation.

KU packed the house with more than 16,000 people. Memphis brought in 14,000. Now granted, these are the traditional powerhouses, but isn't that where K-State wishes to elevate its program to?

Perhaps having the players do skits like many of the programs do to give the crowd a chuckle would

If K-State is going to continue to promote "Madness in Manhattan," then it is time for the crowd and the promotional advisers to step up their game and get people excited about the

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VOTE | Advanced voting option helps reduce lines on Election Day

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completely replaced by advanced voting, Vargo said.

Vargo said the easiest way to avoid Election Day anxiety is to vote in advance.

"Advanced voting is open right now, and we are really encouraging people to participate in the advanced voting process because it helps reduce the lines on Election Day." he said.

Advanced voting started Oct. 21 and will be available until Nov. 3 at noon. Any registered voter can vote in advance at the election offices at 110 Courthouse Plaza or at the K-State Student Union.

Advanced voting has been an option since 1996 and has helped alleviate some of the pressure on polling locations on Election Day.

"You have so many more days to vote now, and you don't have the congestion of everyone trying to vote on one day," Vargo said. "Everyone always tried to vote before work, at lunchtime or after work, so that created congestion at the polling places."

Those who wait until Election Day – Nov. 4 – will have to go to their designated polling locations. Voters can find where they need to vote on a map of the voting precincts on Riley County's Web site at http://gis.rileycountyks.gov/publicimages/votecitynew.pdf.

Vargo said voters also can call Riley County's election office at 785-537-6300.

"The best thing to do if they can't find their location on the Web site is call our office," Vargo said. "We can pull up their voter registration and tell them exactly where to go."

Joint recycling efforts strive to make KSU greener campus

By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Student Union has partnered with Habitat for Humanity in

an effort to become a greener campus.

Habitat for Humanity will handle aluminum, plastic and tin recyclables from the Union's food production kitchen and public areas inside the Union

Habitat for Humanity's contract with Howie's Trash Service will enable them to earn revenue from the Union's recyclables. This money will support the non-profit organization in their efforts to build homes for needy families in the community. This partnership also will benefit the Union's attempt to become a greener organization on campus.

"This partnership will assist with the recycling efforts at Kansas State University," said Jack Connaughton, associate director of the Union. "We're trying to get our customers to try to make more of a conscious effort to recycle."

There are currently 25 marked aluminum drop-off stations in the Union where people can dump their cans to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

"We are really excited about this partnership with the Union because it will take our aluminum recycling to the



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The logo for the Habitat for Humanity who is teaming up with the K-State Student Union in the recent recycling effort.

next level," said Margaret Stone, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, "which will help us accomplish our mission to help build homes in partnership for families in need from our community."

VOLLEYBALL | Cats seek improvement

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improvements so we don't repeat the same mistakes."

The Wildcats will get the opportunity to show their improvements when they take on Baylor (14-6, 6-4 Big 12) Saturday night in Waco, Texas. K-State defeated the Bears 3-1 in a seesaw battle in Manhattan on Sept. 27. Fritz said it's easier for K-State to prepare for a team that it's already faced this season.

"[The advantage] goes both ways," she said. "They know more about you and you know more about them. You know, for the second round, I think everybody's got very solid game plans going into every match. Your preparedness on both sides is going to be better."

She also said Baylor is a tougher team to beat when they have home court advantage.

"We've felt all along like this could be one of the most difficult weeks of our season, having two road matches at Iowa State and Baylor, who I think are both exceptionally talented volleyball teams. At their place, they've been extremely successful. We'll have to put a very good effort together."

Baylor has gone 11-2 in the Ferrell Center this season, including a 4-1 mark in conference play.

Saturday's match-up marks the 26th meeting between the Wildcats and Bears. K-State leads the all-time series 19-6 and owns an 8-4 record in the Ferrell Center. The teams only faced off once before the inception of the Big 12, with the Bears winning 3-0 in 1993. The Wildcats have dominated the series in recent years, as they have won 14 of the last 17 meetings.

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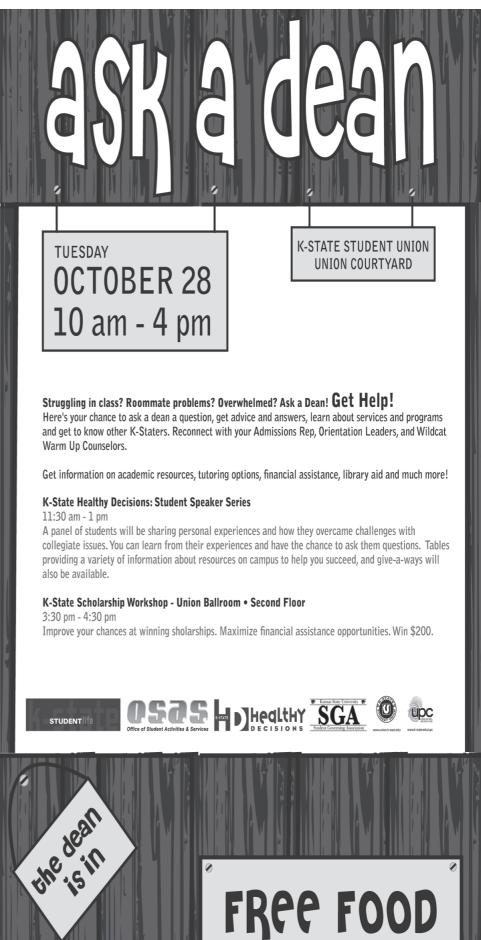
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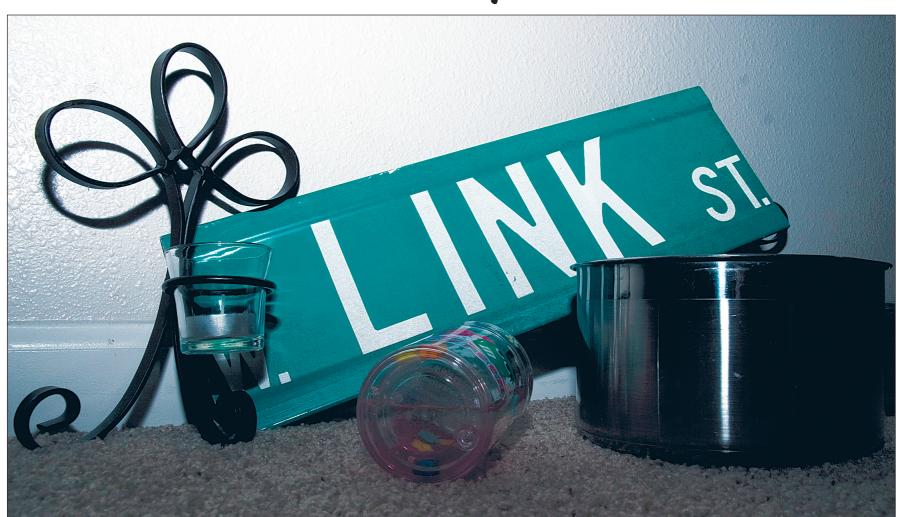
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Memory loss



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This street sign along with various other trinkets was one of the only possessions that Megan Link, fifth-year student in human ecology, was able to recover from her storage unit after the tornado hit Manhattan in June.

Summer tornado destroys several students' college memorabilia, personal belongings

By Jennifer Heim KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Meg Link expected to find some damage after the EF-4 tornado that swept through Manhattan on June 11, but when she returned to Manhattan, she was shocked by what she saw. Though the K-State campus and Manhattan community had been mostly cleaned up, Link's personal belongings had taken a hit.

The fifth-year student in human ecology had most of

the contents of her apartment secured in a storage unit at the Amherst Self Storage this summer. But because of the tornado, Link lost her bed, dresser, desk, two TVs, kitchen supplies, decorations and much more.

The only items she could salvage were a few pots and pans, a couple metal candleholders and a street sign with her name on it. Despite the loss, Link said she is thankful she had insurance to cover most of her items. However,



This cup caught Megan Link's eye while she was in Las Vegas because it reminded her of cups she had as a child. This too was one of the few items that Link managed to recover from her destroyed storage shed.

her pictures and memorabilia like old costumes from date parties can never be replaced. "I still now think of things

I lost that I didn't even realize were gone," Link said.

In the days following the tornado, Link said Amherst Self Storage informed her that her unit was not severely damaged. Because of this, Link didn't come check on her belongings until a month later, but when she did, she found her unit without walls and in shambles.

"I came up to Manhattan expecting to move things, but there was nothing to move," she

Heather Reed, director of student life, said all affected students in the Chapman and Manhattan areas received an e-mail from the university that offered them support if they needed it.

She also said student life worked with the K-State Student Union Bookstore to help replace students' books that were lost in the storm. They also helped relocate students who had lost their homes. Reed said much of the work was done through the financial aid office, which helped students rework their government financial aid based on the damaging effects of the tornado.

Also, less than 24 hours after the tornado hit, a fund

was set up to help rebuild every Wildcat's home – the K-State campus. According to Julie Lea, vice president of communications for the K-State Foundation, alumni and friends donated 562 gifts that totaled \$282,630. Because of this generosity and more, campus was fully operational for the beginning of the Fall 2008 semester, Lea said.

The same cannot be said, however, for other aspects of the K-State community. Some returning students said they still struggle to put the memories of the tornado behind them, and they've learned that recovery takes time and some items can never be replaced.

Kim Torluemke, fifthyear student in elementary education, said she was living in a house at 1855 Hunting Ave. when the tornado struck. The storm took out skylights and broke windows, soaking many of her belongings with rain water.

While items like her printer and bed could be replaced or fixed, the pictures that hung around her room were ruined forever. Torluemke also had to move as a result of the damage.

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"Things weren't getting fixed that needed to be fixed," she said.

There are also many buildings around Manhattan

that are still being repaired and might not be functional for months.

Gina Riffel, owner of Diamond Real Estate, manages several apartment buildings and storage units that were severely damaged by the storm. She said all 300 units of Amherst Self Storage were completely destroyed, along with most of the valuables stored inside.

Renters had 30 days to dig through the rubble and salvage for their belongings before the units were completely leveled. Some items that weren't ruined were scattered throughout the area by the tornado's forceful winds.

"We found things up at the [Manhattan] Country Club from Amherst Self Storage," Riffel said.

Riffel said she does not expect to reopen Amherst Self Storage until January 2009.

By now, Link has shopped for new furniture and returned to class as usual, but she said she still remembers the sight of her demolished storage unit, the place that once kept her

belongings and memories.

It is now leveled, and that empty space is evident not only in unfinished buildings and empty lots but also in the hearts of K-State students who suffered from last summer's tornado.

BROTHEL BRIEFS

Fire pit, perfect Halloween costume adds ambience to friends' autumn season



SALENA STRATE

When I imagine the autumn season, I dream of leaves turning colors, K-State Homecoming and warm bonfires. Since these events – save the bonfires – were scheduled to occur, the Brothel members decided to take matters into our own hands.

The Brothel decided to purchase a fire pit so we could have the full fall experience. Our fire pit, which sits in our backyard, encircled by lawn chairs, has a black ceramic bowl and a screen covering the top. It is large enough that every Brothel member can sit around the fire and tell a good story.

Each night since the big purchase, we have sat outside the Brothel and reminisced about good times. We talk about school, our sorority and life in general. College days can be stressful, so it's helpful to have a few nights to sit around the campfire and relax.

After a couple nights around the fire, an unexpected friend arrived. Eric, our next-door neighbor, heard us laughing and brought his guitar over to play us a tune. Eric is a very talented musician, and he can play any song the Brothel requests.

It's a constant joke that we should record some of our invented songs – but nobody would want to buy that album.

Now my fall dream is close to complete, but there is still one item left to form the perfect fall season — a great Halloween costume. This year I will be dressed as a bathtub. I found the idea in a children's magazine and tried it out at a date party last week. That tub turned out to be the best costume of my life.

I bought a blue plastic circular tub that had two white handles. With the help of Pinky, we cut out the bottom of the tub and attached suspenders to the front and back overhang. Next, I attached my childhood rubber ducky with tape and fitted a blue shower cap over my head. The last step to my tub costume was blowing up balloons and attaching them to my tub with string.

string.

The only complication with my ultimate tub costume was I couldn't fit through many doors or in vehicles. But bouncing around as a bathtub was a priceless night.

Now my autumn season is complete. The Brothel has everything I could dream about – friends around a campfire and the best Halloween costume ever.

Salena Strate is a senior in mass communications. Please send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.

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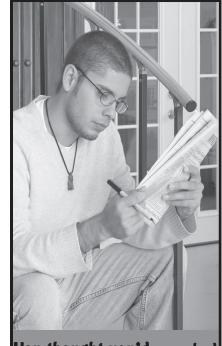
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Lords and ladies of the shire

Community members find joy, decrease stress by participating in medieval society

By Tiffany RoneyKANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It's a scene straight out of the Middle Ages: Three leather-clad warriors grunt and shout as their swords bang against each other's metal shields. Suddenly, one warrior falls to the dust with a thud. The other two strike at each other until one fighter is left standing, his helmet's horsehair blowing in the wind – this man is the champion.

These "medieval warriors" are members of the Shire of Spinning Winds, and their heavy-weapons practice took place at the Manhattan City Park on Sunday. Spinning Winds is the 90-member, Manhattan-area chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

According to the SCA Web site, it is an international organization with more than 30,000 members who are dedicated to researching and recreating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe.

While holding his spear, Josh Warren, Ogden, said participating in the group helps him relax.

"This is the world's greatest stress reducer," Warren said. "I get to come out and hit some guy with a stick, and we have a beer afterwards. It's grand; it's cathartic; it's visceral."

Many women also participate in the SCA. Susan Rose, Manhattan, said she is fascinated with anything medieval and is heavily involved in the local shire. However, she used to sit on the opposite side of the fence.

"I thought they were a bunch of weird people who were out of touch with reality," she said, laughing. "Now, I'm one of them!"

Now that she's a member, Rose said she enjoys creating medieval-style art - especially painting.

"I like to explore their techniques," she said. "The sky's the

Another member, Charlene McGee, Ogden, said she spent three months designing and hand-sewing her medieval-style lavender dress. The dress has buttons all along the sleeves and down the back.

Besides the various local activities the group participates in, Glen and Pat Farrell, Junction City, said they enjoy the traveling perks that come with being involved. Pat said members can visit anywhere in the world and usually find another member to stay with.

In addition to the Farrells, Rose said the SCA has many couples and families involved. Michael Prohaska, Ogden, said not all couples join at the same time or for the same reasons

Prohaska said when he joined SCA, his wife was completely uninterested in getting involved. He said the custom for fighters is to have a first lady, so he chose a woman from the shire. He said when his wife found out, she immediately decided to join

"For a long time, I fought for two favorites, which is considered pretty racy in some circles," he said.

Prohaska said he now fights for only his wife.

Benton Vosburg, Manhattan, said his favorite battles are the larger ones in which several thousand fight at the same time.

Warren said there were 10,000 warriors on the battlefield at last year's tournament in Pennsylvania.

"When the armies charge, you can feel it a mile off in the ground," Warren said.

Despite the apparent violence with all the battling, Rose said chivalry is a highly regarded trait in the SCA

"If you strive to be recognized, that's not a chivalrous behavior," Rose said. "People who are prideful are not going to be rewarded. It's more about service."



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To watch a video of the Shire of the Spinning Winds during their heavymetals practice, check out www.kstatecollegian.com.

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Josh Moore was outstanding against Colorado last weekend. He will have to have another strong performance against Oklahoma, as he will probably be responsible for single coverage on Juaquin Iglesias.



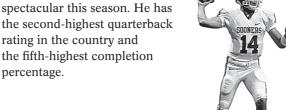
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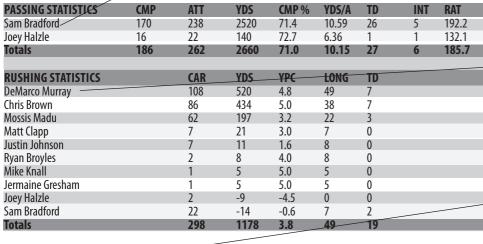
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RB DeMarco Murray had only six rushing yards against Texas, but rebounded against KU last weekend, rushing for two touchdowns.



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WR Juaquin Iglesias has been one of many solid receivers at Bradford's disposal. He will have to step up Saturday if leading receiver Manuel Johnson sits out due to injury.







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Wildcats face tough task with Sooners' powerful offense

By Mike DeVader KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Coming off a 14-13 road loss at Colorado, K-State will try to lick its wounds and gear up for No. 4 Oklahoma on Saturday at Snyder Family Stadium.

It will mark the first of three games against nationallyranked opponents for the Wildcats, who probably won't face a team ranked this high the rest of the season.

The Sooners have the third-best offense in the country, averaging nearly 47 points per game, and should pose some problems for K-State's inconsistent defense.

"The lowest they have scored is 35 points in two games against Cincinnati and TCU, which have very good defenses," coach Ron Prince said. "For them to be able to score the kind of points they have scored in those types of games is very impressive.

"I think that for us to go in and say that we are going to limit them to 10 points may be a tough task for us, but we are sure going to give it our best effort.'

Oklahoma (6-1, 2-1 Big 12) is coming off a 45-31 victory over Kansas, a game in which the Sooners flexed their offensive muscles by piling on 674 yards of offense. Sophomore quarterback Sam Bradford, who is already rewriting the record books, threw for a school record 468 yards last Saturday.

Coach Bob Stoops said it is always tough to play a road game at K-State, and to be victorious on Saturday, the Sooners must be led by Heisman Trophy hopeful

"He just continues to be so consistent and so efficient and making good plays," Stoops said. "He's making tough plays as well."

One of the biggest weapons at the disposal of the young quarterback could be missing come game time, as wide receiver Manuel Johnson is listed as doubtful with an arm injury he suffered early in the first quarter against Kansas.

The Wildcats might now get a heavier dose of sophomore tailback DeMarco Murray, who some experts say is not the same runner he was after shattering his kneecap late last season.

"DeMarco has always been good in my eyes," fullback Matt Clapp said. "I haven't really noticed a difference, because I believe he has always had it in him and has always been an offensive threat."

TEAM LEADERS

Passing:

170 of 238 for 2,520 yards, 26 touchdowns and 5 interceptions

Rushing: DeMarco Murray 108 rushes for 520 and

7 touchdowns

Receiving: Juaquin Iglesias

42 catches for 684 yards and 5 touchdowns













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Former All-American receiver Jordy Nelson runs away from Oklahoma defenders in the last meeting between the two teams on Oct. 1, 2005. Oklahoma won the Big 12 opener 43-21.

keys to victory

The last thing K-State wants is to get in a shootout with Oklahoma. In Big 12 Conference play, the Sooners are giving up 163 rushing yards. The Wildcats need to run the ball early and keep their defense off the field.

CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS ON D

Since the beginning of Big 12 play, the defense has slowly progressed. Against Colorado, K-State gave up less than 400 total offensive yards for the first time since the Montana State game. Oklahoma's high-powered offense will be a true test.

PROTECT FREEMAN

The Wildcats have only given up four sacks all season. The OU defense leads the Big 12 in sacks with 26. Something has to give. Josh Freeman will need ample time to give K-State a chance to pull off the upset.

SNEAKY, SNEAKY

Let's face it, for the Wildcats to have a chance in this game, coach Ron Prince is going to have to pull a little "Bold and Daring" out of his sleeve. The trick plays played a huge role in K-State beating Texas in 2006.

DON'T STALL

Against Colorado, the Wildcats went three-and-out five times. If that happens against OU, expect the Sooners to win in a blowout. Sustaining drives will also be important for helping the Wildcats inconsistent defense.

— Compiled by Jon Garten







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Finding the spirit

Pomele's year off from football helps him find his purpose

By Cole Manbeck KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Ulla Pomele loved football. It is what drove him through life

But one day a voice went through his head and resounded through his heart. Football wasn't enough for Pomele. He needed something to balance and complete his life. A piece of the puzzle was missing.

One day Pomele walked into his coach's office at Santa Rosa (Calif.) Community College and told him he needed to do something.

What he told his coach that day would forever change the way he lives his life. And now, as Pomele likes to say – "All glory goes to God."

GROWING UP

Pomele grew up in a loud home in northern California. With five sisters and four brothers, it is easy to imagine the noise floating around his household

He credits his parents for handling his siblings and teaching them right from wrong. Pomele insists football has always been his passion.

It's easy to tell with his ever-pervasive smile when talking about the sport.

"I always loved the sport growing up," Pomele said. "Growing up -- that's all we watched was football in my family. That was the main thing when I was little." But something held him back from playing the sport

he loved. He didn't start playing until his sophomore year of high school. "I wasn't able to play at a younger age in Pop Warner

because I was overweight and I couldn't play on my brother's squad because I was too young," he said. But he picked up the game quickly. In his sophomore

year at Elsie Allen High School, he was named his team's A player of his size was sure to draw looks on the

recruiting trail, but Pomele said college recruiters rarely

'My school wasn't good at all," he said.

Pomele's high school had been known for low academic success rates, part of the reason that coaches didn't see it as fertile recruiting territory.

But Pomele, who is the first person to ever make it to college out of his family, wasn't even sure he was suited for the life of a college student. "I was so limited in my mind. I didn't think I was

intelligent enough to head off to college," he said. "Plus, my family's income was not enough for college."

But Santa Rosa Community College was willing to give him a shot, and Pomele gladly accepted.

ULLA POMELE

Played at Santa Rosa Community

Inside linebacker

Ranks second on the team with 46 tackles, two behind

Pomele had accomplished a goal – he had made it to

college. But something wasn't there. He needed to add

"I just really felt that I needed to get my spiritual life straight. Get it right and begin a relationship with

Christ," he said. "It's not that I was living a terrible life,

Pomele described it metaphorically as trying to fit a

"I had tried to substitute football and all of those

other things first before my relationship with Christ," he

it was just that I was living a life without Christ."

Position:

Year:

Tunior

College

Memorable achievement:

tackle leader Josh Moore.

something to his life.

square peg in a round hole.

A LIFE-CHANGING DECISION



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Linebacker Ulla Pomele attempts to tackle a Texas Tech receiver in the 58-28 loss to the Red Raiders. He is second on the team in tackles and has started all but one game at inside linebacker.

said. "But it wasn't working. That's when I really felt I needed to get on path."

So Pomele reached out to his junior college coach, Keith Simons. He knocked on Simons' door and told him he was leaving before ever playing a down of football at the school.

'My coach was shocked because he was really looking forward to me playing and helping the team out," Pomele said. "He truly respected me. He didn't want me to leave but he couldn't decide for me.'

Pomele was headed out on a 10-month Masses Commission, putting his life on hold for a year to help

He and the rest of his group teamed up to go out in communities and help elementary schools and high

schools while displaying positive messages to them. They went to different churches and youth groups to spread gospel.

Pomele said they also traveled to Mexico and built playgrounds and helped at orphanages while spending quality time with kids there.

"It helped me to see life in a whole new way and perspective," Pomele said. "It helped me to see life in a better way in making more wise decisions, to see it in a greater way.

"I was just basically running with no vision. Now, with my relationship with Christ, I have a vision."

He returned to Santa Rosa Community College after a year at the Masses Commission.

His stock rose immensely as he drew looks from several Football Bowl Series colleges, including several Pac-10 schools before ultimately deciding on K-State. He was rated the No. 38 junior college player in the country by *Rivals.com*.

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Pomele is a married college student. He tied the knot with his wife, Elizabeth, last December, just prior to arriving on K-State's campus.

"As a newlywed I really thought that it would be something great for me and my wife to come out to the Midwest - somewhere we have never been and experience new things," he said.

When practice is over he heads straight home to be with her, rather than hanging out with the guys and participating in many of the norms of college students.

"I miss my wife. She is a great supporter and a great encourager to us as well," he said. "I give credit to her for going through this. She sacrificed and put aside her dream to help me out and my dream and that's something very amazing about her."

A NEW HOME

Pomele had never seen snow before coming to Kansas, something he described as "beautiful and amazing."

But that wasn't all that brought him here. "What brought me here was coach (Ron) Prince. I

really wanted to get my degree and be successful in my education," he said. "When I came here the people were awesome. They are very embracing and very positive. That's what really drew me out here.'

Pomele said college has been a life-changing experience for him and his family.

"It's something amazing. I broke the cycle of being limited in our education - especially in a small culture, he said. "We are so big on playing sports and we don't really focus too much on education. But the truth is, sports aren't always going to be there.'

Pomele is currently second on the team in tackles with 46, quite an accomplishment for someone who has only been playing football for five years.

Coach Ron Prince said Pomele showed great character when he recruited him.

'You checked both boxes," Prince said. "He was a great player and a great person. He's a kid who focuses on others ahead of himself. He's very conscious of his part in the bigger world."

Pomele says the game is beginning to slow down for

"I'm starting to get more comfortable with my reads," he said. "Each game I am learning more and more and understanding the situations of the game."

The smile once again glimmers across his face.

"Just being here is a great privilege," Pomele said. "I am very honored to be out here. I don't take it for granted.



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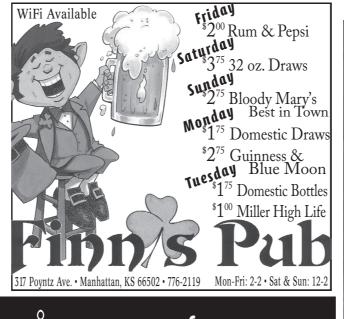
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Big 12 breakdown

South division has 4 teams in top 8, including No. 1 Texas Longhorns

Texas solidified its spot as the top team in the Big 12 Conference and the country with a convincing win against a falling Missouri squad. The conference still boast six teams in the Associated Press top 25, including four teams from the south division in the top 8.

NORTH DIVISION



Missouri: (5-2, Big 12 1-2) AP: No. 16

Last week: Lost to Texas 56-31

This week: vs. Colorado

Key Player: WR Jeremy Maclin. Averaging 14.2 yards a reception Maclin is the leader of the Tiger's receiving core and failed to see the endzone against the Longhorns last week. Maclin will look to help the Tigers rebound after the disappointing loss at Texas.



Nebraska: (4-3, 1-2) AP: not ranked (NR)

Last week: Defeated Iowa State 35-7

This week: vs. Baylor

Key Player: QB Joe Ganz. In the Cornhusker's win against Iowa State, Ganz was 27-37, throwing for 328 yards. Ganz will look to have another big day against Baylor's poor defense.



K-State (4-3, 1-2) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Colorado 14-13

This week: vs. Oklahoma

Key Player: DB Joshua Moore. The Wildcats defense stepped up against Colorado last week, holding the Buffaloes to 14 points. Moore and the rest of the defensive unit will look to continue that success this weekend against Oklahoma.



Colorado (4-3, 1-2) AP: NR

Last week: Defeated K-State 14-13

Key Player: QB Tyler Hansen. After being relieved of his red shirt against the Wildcats, Hansen showed his athleticism as a quarterback and helped the Buffaloes to a close victory. Colorado will look to use this new offensive weapon against



This week: at Missouri

the Tigers this weekend.



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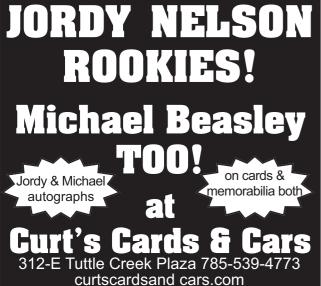


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Iowa State (2-5, 0-3) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Nebraska 35-7

This week: vs. Texas A&M

Key Player: QB Austen Arnaud. Arnaud and the Cyclones will look for their first conference victory in a home match against Texas A&M. Arnaud is the leader of Iowa's States offense with 8 touchdowns and 1,200 and the Cyclones will look to him to produce against the Aggies.



Kansas (5-2, 2-1) AP: No. 19

Last week: Lost to Oklahoma 45-31

This week: vs Texas Tech

Key Player: WR Kerry Meier. Quarterback Todd Reesing likes to look Meier's way as Meier leads the Jayhawks with 53 receptions for a total of 608 yards. Kansas will need both Reesing and Meier to fuel the offensive production against high-scoring Texas Tech squad.

SOUTH DIVISION



Texas Tech (7-0, 3-0) AP: No. 8

Last week: Defeated Texas A&M 45-25

This week: at Kansas

Key Player: QB Graham Harrell. While the Red Raiders fell behind the Aggies in the first quarter, Harrell and the Texas Tech offense prevailed. Harrell ended the game with 450 yards passing and will look to spread the ball around in Lawrence.



Oklahoma (6-1, 2-1) AP: No. 4

Last week: Defeated Kansas 45-31 This week: at Kansas State

Key Player: QB Sam Bradford: Bradford continued his stellar season against Kansas, throwing for 468 yards and three touchdowns. He will lead the Sooners into Manhattan looking to keep his team on pace with the Longhorns after their loss earlier in the season at the Red River Shootout.







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Oklahoma St. (7-0, 3-0) AP: 6

Last week: Defeated Baylor 34-6

This week: at Texas

Key Player: WR Dez Bryant. With a career high 11 receptions in the Cowboys' win against Baylor, Bryant and his team will look to keep their record perfect in a clash against No. 1 Texas in Austin.



Texas (7-0, 3-0) AP: No. 1

Last week: Defeated Missouri 56-31

This week: at Oklahoma State

Key Player: QB Colt McCoy. After a statement win against Missouri at home, McCoy and the Longhorns travel to Stillwater to take on the Cowboys of Oklahoma State. McCoy has thrown for 1894 yards for the Longhorns and will look to keep his team perfect in Big XII play.



Baylor (3-4, 1-2) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Oklahoma State 34-6

This week: at Nebraska

Key Player: QB Robert Griffin. With 17 total touchdowns both through the air and on the ground, Griffin is the enter of the Bear's offense. He will look to give the Bears their first road win of the season in a tough battle at Nebraska.



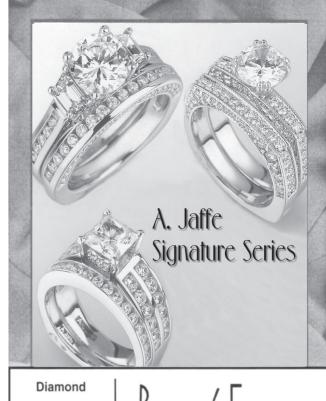
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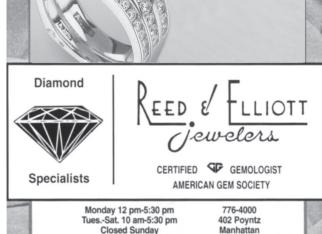
Last week: Lost to Texas Tech 43-25

This week: at Iowa State

Key Player: QB Jarrod Johnson. Stepping into the quarterback role after the injury to previous starter Stephen McGee, Johnson will look to give the Aggies their first conference win







Changes could be in store for program



JUSTIN NUTTER

After two-plus years of defensive meltdowns, lopsided losses and declining attendance, it appears that Wildcat fans have had enough.

After leading K-State to a 7-6 record in his inaugural campaign, head coach Ron Prince has fallen under much scrutiny. He's gone 9-10 since the start of last season. His defense, which is allowing just under 430 yards per game, ranks 105th in the country. In his career, K-State is 8-11 in conference play and just 3-11 outside of Manhattan.

With the difficulty of K-State's remaining schedule – and fans across Wildcat nation already calling for Prince's job – things don't look good for the once promising head coach. If the numbers don't start to improve, then it's likely that the Ron Prince era will soon come to an end.

If the Wildcats can't right the ship and Prince gets the axe - and just for the record, I hope that's not the case - then first-year athletic director Bob Krause would get his first opportunity to find a new coach. Let's take a look at some possible candidates:

GARY PATTERSON

Patterson, a native of Rozel, Kan., played linebacker and safety for K-State during the 1980-81 seasons before joining the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 1982. He was on staff for the 1982 Independence Bowl – K-State's only bowl game before Bill Snyder's tenure - and remained on staff for one more season before taking a job at Tennessee Tech. Patterson has made a name for himself as the head coach at Texas Christian. During his tenure, the Horned Frogs – members of the Conference USA - have been a mainstay in the top-25. It would be tough to lure Patterson away from the program that he's helped build, but coaches always seem more willing to leave jobs for their alma mater [see Bob Huggins].

JIM LEAVITT

Leavitt, the current head coach at South Florida, spent five years at K-State as a defensive coach under Snyder. He orchestrated one of the best starts to a football program, as he was the school's first football coach. It's unlikely that Leavitt would be interested in leaving - he's a Florida native and is on contract with USF through 2014 – but there's still a good chance that the Wildcats would approach him with a job offer.

BRENT VENABLES

Venables, my personal choice, appears to be the best option for K-State. His hometown of Salina is just an hour from Manhattan.

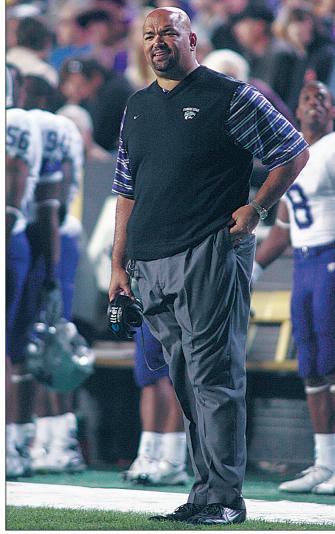
He played for K-State in 1990-91 after spending two years at Garden City Community College. He joined Snyder's coaching staff in 1993 as a graduate assistant and coached various defensive positions in his six-year

Following the 1998 season, he left K-State to work under Bob Stoops at Oklahoma, where he is currently the associate head coach and defensive coordinator. Aside from being a former player and coach, Venables has familiarity with the Big 12, which adds to his value as a candidate. It is believed that K-State approached him when the job opened up in 2005 and it is highly likely that he would again be considered.

Hopefully, Prince can get the program back on track and a new coach won't be necessary. The light at the end of the tunnel won't be easy to reach, but, as sports fans know, crazier things have happened. A quick glance at K-State's remaining games shows that Prince still has plenty of opportunities to show the conference what he's made of. Stay tuned

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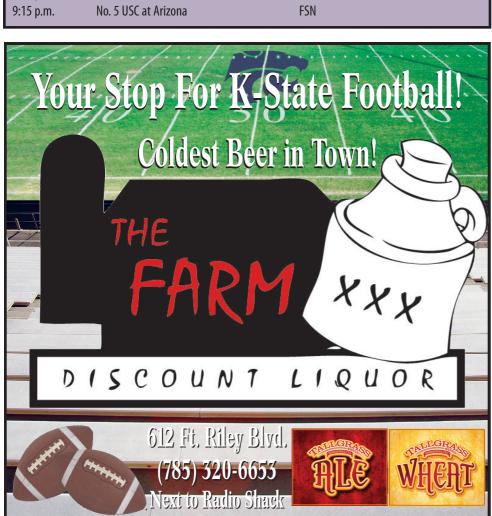
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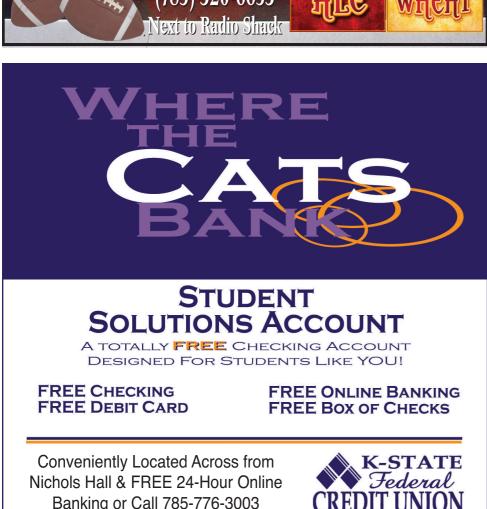
Coach Ron Prince has a 16-16 record at K-State with one bowl appearance. K-State will be hard pressed to make a bowl this season, and if not, Prince could be looking for a new job at season's end.

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